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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVANTS – Prohibition & Excise Department – Allegations of Criminal Misconduct and Criminal conspiracy against Smt. B.Latha, SHO, Addanki and 13 other P&E officials for their involvement in the Liquor Syndicate case of Prakasham District – Accused Officers placed on their defence before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings – TDP framed charges - TDP Repealed - Case entrusted to Commissionerate of Inquiries – Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS(Retd.), Member, Commissioner of Inquiries - Appointed as Inquiring Authority - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.448 Dated:04.05.2023

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, Lr.Rc.No.38/RCO-NPK/2012, Dated:12-10-2012
2. Govt. Memo.No.46428/VIG.IV(2)/2012-1, dated:15-01-2013.
3. Govt. Memo.No.46428/VIG.IV(2)/2012-1, dated:07-06-2013.
4. Act 29 of 2022 to repeal the Andhra Pradesh civil services (Disciplinary Proceedings Tribunal) Act, 1960 and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto published in AP Gazette, Part-IV-B Extrordinary No.29, Amaravati, dt:22.12.2022.
5. G.O.Ms.No.98, G.A.(Ser.E)Department, dt:18.08.2022.
6. U.O.Note.No.1878240/GAD/COI-R/2022-8, GA(COI)Dept., dt:16.03.2023.

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O R D E R :

Whereas the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau in his (final report) Lr.Rc.No.38/RCO-NPK/2012, Dated:12-10-2012 (Cr.No.04/RCO-NPK/2012)vide reference 1st read above, in respect of Prakasham District Liquor Syndicate case, reported that on the allegations of criminal misconduct and criminal conspiracy against Smt. B.Latha, SHO, Addanki and 14 other P&E officials and recommended to place them on their defense before Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings. After following due procedure, the Government have entrusted their cases to TDP. The TDP has framed charges against charged officers.

2. Where as, Sri L.P. Sudhakar Rao, Manager, IML Depot, Ongole (AO No.9, TEC No.570/2013) was died and issued abatment orders against him vide G.O.Rt.No.877, dated 20.08.2019.

3. Where as certain Charged officers including Smt.V.Anasuya Devi, Asst.Commissioner, ongole one of the charged officer in the above disciplinary proceedings, have filed writ petitions before the Hon'ble High Court challenging charge memo issued against them and same are pending with the Hon'ble High Court. In this regard, the GP for Service-I, APHC vide his letter dated 24.02.2023 has informed that the mentioned writ petitions came up for hearing on 24.02.2023 and directed to conclude the inquiries within 6 months, otherwise the charges will be quashed.

4. And whereas, in the Act 4th read above, it was ordered that "the Tribunal constituted under the repealed Act shall stand abolished and all cases pending before the said Tribunal for Disciplinary proceedings on the said date shall stand transferred to the Commissionerate of Inquiries (COI) to continue the pending proceedings and shall be disposed off by it in accordance with the statutory rules governing conduct of the disciplinary proceedings in due compliance with principles of natural justice"

5. Whereas the Government have issued orders of procedure in respect of the cases pending before the TDP and allotted/transferred to same the Commissioner of Inquiries vide reference 5th read above.

6. Accordingly, the above cases of Smt. B.Latha, SHO, Addanki and 14 other P&E officials, Prakasham District has been allotted/entrusted to Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS(Retd.), Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, to enquire into the charges framed against charged officers vide 6th read above.

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7. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby place the following charged officers on their defence before the Commissioner of Inquiries for conducting regular inquiry into the charges framed against them for their involvement in the liquor syndicate case of Prakasham District.

Sl. No.	Name of the Accused Officer Sarvasri	Designation	Place	A.O. No.	TEC No.
1	B.Latha	SHO	Addanki	4	566/2013
2	V.Anasuya Devi	I/c Dy.Commissioner	Prakasham	6	567/2013
3	D.R.S.C.Murthy	AES,ESTF	Ongole	7	568/2013
4	P.Anantha Lakhmi	P&E Inspector, IML Depot	Ongole	8	569/2013
5	A.Madhusudhan Rao	EC,ENFT	Ongole	15	571/2013
6	Ch.Hari Narayana	EC, AES/Squad	Ongole	16	572/2013
7	M.Raja Sekhara Reddy	EC, AES/Squad	Ongole	17	573/2013
8	P.Narapa Reddy	EC, AES/Squad	Ongole	18	574/2013
9	D.Hanuma Reddy	Asst.Store Officer, IML Depot	Pernamitta, Ongole	19	575/2013
10	T.Chinnaiah	Asst.Store Officer, IML Depot	Pernamitta, Ongole	20	576/2013
11	P.Satyanarayana Reddy	EC	Ongole	21	577/2013
12	R.Kasi Reddy	EC	Ongole	22	578/2013
13	M.Madhava Rao	EC	Ongole	23	579/2013
14	M.Prasad	EC, Control Room	Ongole	27	580/2013

8. Now, therefore the disciplinary authority in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules,1991, hereby appoint Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS(Retd.), Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, as Inquiry Officer to enquire into the charges framed against charged officers mentioned at para 7 above, for their involvement in Liquor Syndicate case of Prakasham District and he is directed to complete the enquiry expeditiously and to furnish the inquiry report to the Government within 4 months (Keeping in view of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court in the writ petitions filed by the certain charged officers) to enable the Government to take further action and pass final orders in the matter within the stipulated time as observed by the Hon'ble High Court.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS(Retd.), Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration (COI) Department, AP Secretariat Building No.5, Velagapudi (with enclosures i.e the record of the case which received from the TDP).

Copy to:
Smt. B.Latha, SHO, Addanki and 13 other P&E officials, Prakasham District (Through the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada)
The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi, Guntur District.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The General Administration (COI) Department, A.P.Secretariat, Building No.5, Velgapudu, Guntur District.
The GP for Services-1, APHC, Amaravathi
Sri Ithabathila Naga Malleswara Rao, Panel Advocate& Presenting Officer
SF / SC.

//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER